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Appl. No. : 09/753,310 ✓
Applicant : Eldridge et al.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a one month extension of time, extending the period for response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003 in the above-identified application to March 8, 2004 (the first business day following March 6, 2004). Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the fee for the above-requested extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 8, 2004
By
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37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). If this statement is being filed after the latest of: (1) three months beyond the filing date of a national application; (2) three months beyond the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application; (3) the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, or (4) the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114, but before the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, then:

a statement as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; **or**
 a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

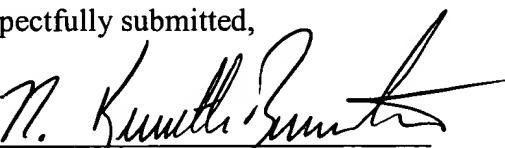
37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). If this statement is being filed after the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before payment of the issue fee, then:

A. a statement as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; **and**
B. a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

Fee:

No fee is due.
 A check in the amount of \$180.00 for the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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